Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The attention of the Member is invited to the answer to the question No. 87 of the Budget Session of 1104. The work will be taken up when funds permit.

Irrigation facilities in Alur Village.

108. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to question No. 38 (Irrigation facilities in Alur Village) of the last Budget Session, what further action has been taken by the Government in sanctioning the request contained in the petition?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Levels have been ordered to be taken for an alternative proposal of the Chief Engineer.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the alternative proposal?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The alternative proposal is to have a diversion of the channel, and the other is to take the water by means of a pipe line attached to the foot-bridge conveying water from this side of the *thodu* to the other side of the *thodu*. These are the two alternative proposals. In two ways it can be done.

109. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether the Chief Engineer received a petition last year from Mr. Choondupurakkal Govindan Unnichira and others in Alur Village requesting to provide some irrigation facilities in their village; and if so, what is the request contained therein and what action has been taken by the Government thereon?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes, from one Mr. Choondupurakkal Konnan Unnichira and others.

The request is for putting up a *chira* in Alur river near Kanjirakundu and for opening a canal as far as Arod (ആറോട്) along the paddy fields for irrigating lands in Kizhakkapadom, Alur desam. The matter is being investigated by the Public Works Department.

Appointment of Village Menons.

110. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to question No. 40 of the last Budget Session what steps have been hitherto taken by the present Diwan Peishkar to give the sparsely represented classes better representation in the appointment of Village Menons; and

(2) of the Village Menons appointed by him, how many have been selected from each of the five groups referred to in the question?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(1) Instructions have been issued to the Tahsildars with whom the power of appointment of Menons in temporary vacancies not exceeding one month rests

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to give preference to applicants from the backward and unrepresented communities and to report all deviations from this with reasons for them.

(2) Two permanent vacancies arose. Both have been given to candidates from the Ezhuva community in preference to the superior claims of senior hands from other communities.

Opening of a road in Anjur Village.

111. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to question No. 42 of the last Budget Session (opening a road in Anjur Village) will the Government be pleased to state what further action has been taken by the Government in the matter; whether the enquiry is now over, and if so, whether steps will be taken for opening the road ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The construction of the road has been sanctioned. An estimate for the work has been called for.

Improving the Vaduthala road, etc.,

112. Mr. K T. Mathew.—With reference to question No. 43 of the last Budget Session regarding the opening of a road from Vaduthala to Cheruvally ferry and improving the Vaduthala road, will the Government be pleased to state what orders have been passed by the Government with reference to the request of the petitioners and whether a copy of the report of the officer in charge of the work will be placed on the Table?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Government have ordered the extension of the non-metalled Panchayat road to the Cheruvally ferry. An estimate for the work is under preparation.

A copy of the Assistant Engineer's report is placed on the Council Table.

Pazhanji-Akkikkavu Road.

113. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Pazhanji-Akkikkavu road has been completely repaired and if not, on what date was the repair of the road first sanctioned by the Government, and whether all the correspondence regarding this will be placed on the Table?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—No. The work is nearing completion.

On 23rd December 1927. Government do not think that any public purpose will be served by the correspondence being placed on the Table.

114. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to print and lay on the Table the letter received by the Diwan of Cochin in last October regarding the repairs of Pazhanji-Akkikkavu road and to state whether the repairs of the road have been satisfactorily completed now?

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